

1 **Abstract of the Invention**

2       The present invention provides an improved shopping cart wheel  
3 which includes a wheel hub supporting a wheel thereon and having a  
4 central axial opening. Mounted within the central axial opening  
5 adjacent one end thereof is a first precision bearing unit having  
6 a rotating cylindrical central hub, an outer toroidal bearing  
7 jacket surrounding the central hub and a plurality of ball bearings  
8 rotatably mounted within the outer toroidal bearing jacket and  
9 rotatably supporting the rotating central hub therebetween, and  
10 mounted within the central axial opening adjacent the opposite end  
11 thereof is a second precision bearing unit which is substantially  
12 identical to the first precision bearing unit. The central hubs of  
13 the first and second precision bearing units generally contact one  
14 another in coaxial alignment within the central axial opening such  
15 that the improved shopping cart wheel will withstand greater side  
16 load forces and have increased weight-carrying capacity.